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1. BASIC REASON FOR WISHING TO GIVE FURTHER THOUGHT
TO RECOMMENDATION REF C IN REGARD TO MEASURE D,
REF D, IS TO AVOID IMPOSITION OF CONTROL MEASURES SO
COMPLEX THAT THEY MAY BE DIFFICULT TO ENFORCE
EFFECTIVELY. AS INDICATED IN PREVIOUS MESSAGES ON
ANTI-EXFILTRATION MEASURES, PROPOSED ADDITIONAL
RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN AIMED AT WHAT USBER-USCOB ANALYSIS
OF PROBLEM HAS SHOWN UP AS "SOFT AREAS". OFFICERS
AND SENIOR NONCOMS, MANY OF WHOM TRAVEL WITH FAMILIES
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AND MOST OF WHOM HAVE CAREERS AT STAKE, HAVE NOT BEEN

PRIME TARGETS OF EXFILTRATION GANGS. IN ANY EVENT, SEARCH PROCEDURES AT CHECKPOINTS APPLY ACROSS THE BOARD, INCLUDING THIS GROUP. MAIN TARGET HAS BEEN LOWER-RANKING ENLISTED MEN AND CIVILIANS, FOR MOST PART SINGLE AND FOR MOST PART SHORT-TERM.

2. IF EMB'S RECOMMENDATION FOR COMPLETE BAN ON NIGHT TRAVEL WERE ACCEPTED, THERE WOULD STILL BE SUFFICIENT JUSTIFIABLE NEED FOR AFTER-DARK TRAVEL, PARTICULARLY IN WINTER MONTHS, TO WARRANT GRANTING OF EXEMPTIONS ON FAIRLY LIBERAL BASIS TO PERSONNEL ABOVE GRADE OF E-6, AND WE WOULD IN ANY EVENT WISH TO GRANT EXEMPTIONS IN SUFFICIENT NUMBER TO SUSTAIN ALLIED RIGHT OF UNOFFICIAL NIGHT TRAVEL. ACCORDINGLY, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT TAKING THESE FACTORS INTO ACCOUNT, IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW REGIME CALLING FOR GRANTING OF EXEMPTIONS BY COMMANDERS AND SUPERVISORS WOULD BECOME SO PRO FORMA AS NOT TO CONSTITUTE AN ADDITIONAL RESTRICTION AT ALL. ON BALANCE WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT RECOMMENDATION D REMAIN AS PROPOSED REF D.

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